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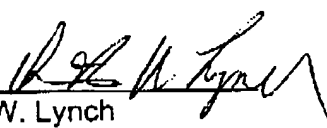
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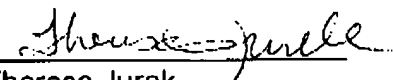
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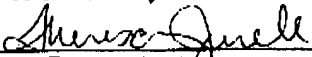
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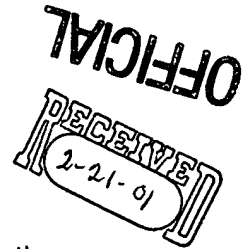
Dear Sir:

Applicant(s) respectfully submit(s) the items of information on the enclosed Form 1449 for the attention of the Examiner in the above-identified application.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted after the mailing date of a final action under 37 C.F.R. §1.113 or after a Notice of Allowance under 37 C.F.R. §1.311 but before the payment of the issue fee.

Petition

This is a petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(d)(2) for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449. Authorization is hereby given to charge any fees or credit any overpayments that may be deemed necessary to Deposit Account



Number 50-1038, under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) for the petition fee as required under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(d)(3).

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Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. According to M.P.E.P. §609, Applicant(s) request(s) that the Examiner return a copy of the

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